

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Teitz, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Messore.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Susan Healy-Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre commended all the members of Barrington Education Foundation (BEF) for the excellent forum held last week entitled “Where Do We Go From Here?”

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to report that the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has certified Barrington High School as the Rhode Island State Champions of the 2011 Reserve Cup Challenge. The students who participated were: Brenden Forte, Stephen Lamontagne, Jack Liang, Matt Groetelaars, and Rahul Chander. They bested ten other Ocean State high school teams and will represent Rhode Island in the Six Reserve Cup Challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on November 22nd. This competition challenges students for their knowledge of personal finance, economics and the Federal Reserve System.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the 10/20/11 regular School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 10/20/11. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and that one vote was taken as the result of a motion made to deny the request to reverse the decision of the Superintendent. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Financials

No financials were available for approval this evening.

Information and Proposals

Mr. Michael Messore presented an overview of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), the assessment tool for CCSS. A power point presentation developed by Mr. Messore and Mrs. Katie Miller was used as the basis of the presentation. Much discussion took place during and after their

presentation regarding various aspects of these initiatives. Mr. Messore noted that the power point presentation would be available on the District website.

General Public Discussion and Information

A member of the audience commended Mr. Tarro for his recent push for a two year contract for natural gas, expressed his interest in serving on the Middle School facilities committee and lastly voiced his hope that the district focuses on the whole student and not just their academic performance.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. McIntyre noted that the upcoming budget will include a sixty percent increase in pension contributions as any pension reform is unclear at the present time. He noted that instructional material to initiate CCSS and PARCC will also have an impact on the budget.

Dr. McIntyre noted that he and Mr. Tarro would be meeting again with representatives of SMMA and would be meeting with individuals from RIDE on November 10th to assure that the Middle School facilities process is moving in the right direction.

Discussion took place regarding the direction to take with respect to the Strategic Plan and what steps the Committee wished

administration to take with regard to choosing a facilitator for this initiative. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Ms. Peg Votta assist in developing a strategic plan in conjunction with a facilitator. Mrs. Brody noted she would be attending a conference focused on strategic planning and hoped to obtain the names of possible candidates to be appointed facilitator in our District.

Old Business from School Committee

Following Mrs. Susan Healy-Mills' highlighting changes to the SEAC Bylaws as requested by the Committee at the last School Committee meeting:

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the SEAC Bylaws as presented this evening. The motion passed 5-0.

Following a brief discussion, November 14, 2011 was the date selected for a School Committee meeting for the purpose of interviewing and awarding the Executive Search Consultant Bid.

 

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the

resignation of Jared Vance, HS, Special Education. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for a leave of absence for Kathryn Carey, SO, Grade 3. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business from School Committee

Following the reading aloud of a draft resolution with respect to the Committee supporting pension reform:

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the pension reform resolution as presented this evening and have Mr. Guida sign it on behalf of the School Committee. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Suggested future agenda items included: data teams, an update on the status of NEASC recommendations, a RTI update, gender differences in testing, an update on the status of changing school start times, the feasibility of increasing the number of AP courses, the introduction of world languages in lower grades, a comprehensive all-day kindergarten program presentation, and more in-depth principal budget requests.

Mrs. Miller requested direction from the Committee regarding the information they would like presented at the next School Committee meeting with regard to data teams.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

November 9th 7:00 p.m. Executive Session for Personnel

November 14th 7:00 p.m. Interviews and Award of Executive Search Consultant Bid

**November 17 7:30 p.m. Facilities BMS/All Schools
Data Teams**

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1), 42-46-5(a)(2) and 42-46-5(a)(5) specifically for: (a) two Personnel matters, (b) Collective Bargaining discussion with respect to NEAB, BEST and United Steelworkers and (c) Administrative Evaluation. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:43 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 5-0.

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